(b) The issue of security of Metro Rail was discussed in a high level meeting convened by the Union Home Secretary in which it was decided to prepare a comprehensive and integrated plan for the security of Delhi Metro Rail. Accordingly, a Team of Officers is in the process of finalizing the security plan including provisions for rescue and evacuation with a station-wise link up with police stations, fire stations, hospitals, ambulance services, help groups, access control, checking of commuters and baggage, protection from terrorist and subversive elements etc. A squad of sniffer dogs and bomb squad has already been deployed by Delhi Police to detect RDX and other raw materials utilized for manufacturing explosives.

**Import of weapons in NER**

1003. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the North East Region is awash with small arms from nine countries and there is little check on their movement, despite the fact that India is a signatory to the Programme for Action, framed after the UN conference on the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in 2001; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to check the illegal import of weapons in North East States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) There are reports that the Indian Insurgent Groups (IIGs) from North East manage to procure small arms, available in international market, and these are smuggled inside the country through Myanmar and Bangladesh.

(b) Apart from increasing vigilance on the international border by strengthening deployment of border guarding forces and ongoing project for fencing of the border, India's concerns are also expressed in delegation level meetings and other foras with Myanmar and Bangladesh. Cooperation of these countries has been sought inputting an end to the anti-India activities from their soil.